What is a Society of Petroleum Engineers Forum?
- A collaborative, idea-generating event that stimulates new ideas and innovation about future of the E&P industry.
- A week-long exploration of the future.
- A gathering together of 50-75 of the best minds to discuss new ways of viewing the future that could not be achieved individually.
- Focusing on the future; where the technology could or should go, generating ideas rather than solving problems, and emphasizing discussion rather than presentation.

What are the SPE Forum Objectives?
- Stimulate thought and accelerate technology development.
- Promote maximum discussion and minimum prepared presentation.
- Maximize the discussion of new advances and minimize reviewing established technology.
- Encourage discussion of new, unpublished, and incomplete work.
- Encourage communication between knowledgeable people from industrial, governmental, and academic institutions and diverse geographical backgrounds and work areas.
- Keep the topics as international in scope as possible.

How is an SPE Forum Different from an SPE Workshop or Conference? In an SPE Forum:
- Industry technical leaders become acquainted and exchange ideas in an informal setting.
- A limited number of participants are selected for their ability to contribute to Forum objectives.
- There is an informal discussion format that encourages unpublished and incomplete results.
- There can be single discipline or multidisciplinary topics.
- The attendees don’t solve problems, but rather, they raise and discuss issues.